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SINCE 1925 ...



March sixteenth marks the annual Day of Prayer on Bryan Hill, a time when classes and other duties, where possible, are set aside to permit a day of individual and group praying for the Lord's work. Friends of the University and churches are invited to share this fellowship with us. Pray for the material needs and financial supply. Pray for a greater usefulness for the school in the Lord's service. Pray!

BROTHER ARNOLD GOES HOME

Friends of Rev. E. B. Arnold, for thirteen years a member of the University Board of Trustees and for the past year secretary, will want to praise the Lord for his testimony, pray for his loved ones in their time of special need, and rejoice that he is now with the Lord he so loved and looked for. Brother Arnold died unexpectedly at his home in Dayton on March third.

1925 — The world-watched Scopes' Trial, with William Jennings Bryan taking the witness stand before Clarence Darrow and testifying to his faith in the Book of Books—God's infallible word. Darrow fails to make a monkey out of anybody, and Tennessee sticks to her guns in the fight against evolution.

The Great Commoner quietly goes to be with His Lord and Master to receive a well-earned "Well done."

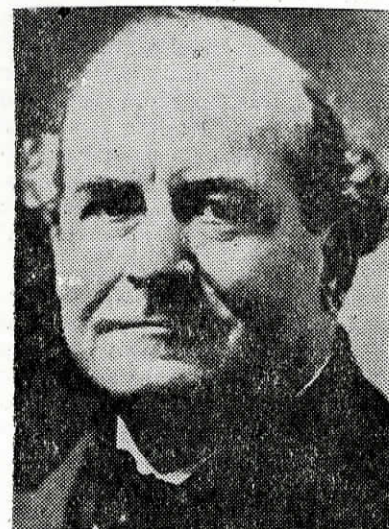
1930—July: Applicants for faculty positions arrive in Dayton to meet with the executive committee of the board and with Dr. George E. Guille, president of the University.

September: The old courtroom in which the trial was begun is filled with the Gospel message as Dr. Guille delivers his opening address on "Wisdom, Human and Divine." Twenty-seven students and a faculty of seven meet in the abandoned Rhea County High School building to begin a new testimony for Christ—a college which places "God above all." Most of the students are local, as there are no dormitories.

1931—Dr. Guille goes "home" from his pilgrimage, and Dr. Malcolm Lockhart takes the presidential wheel. Judson A. Rudd, Professor of Mathematics, joins the faculty.

1932—Cedar Hill, formerly a hospital, becomes the University's first dormitory and offers comfortable quarters for faculty and young lady students. An unexpected increase in the "family" necessitates farming the boys out for living quarters in town. But a couple of regular and a lot of amateur student carpenters go to work on the Octa-

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William Jennings Bryan
1860 - 1925

ORDAINED

Word has just come that former student Ralph Penick has recently been ordained and has been installed as pastor of The Amsterdam and Bergholz Presbyterian Churches, Pennsylvania. Congratulations, Ralph! We pray His blessing on your ministry.

A HERO'S PRAYER

We publish this challenging prayer because of its application to the work we have begun on Bryan Hill.

"O Lord God, when Thou givest to Thy servants to endeavor any great matter, grant us also to know that it is not the beginning, but the continuing of the same until it be thoroughly finished, which yieldeth the true glory, through Him, that for the finishing of Thy work laid down His life, our Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen."

My first impression of Bryan University was received in the Fall of 1937, when we brought some young folks to enroll as students. On viewing the buildings I felt as Nehemiah (2:17) as he viewed Jerusalem. With that also came the challenge—"Come let us build . . . that we may no more be a reproach."

Since that day we have seen a marked improvement on the campus. The houses for the faculty, the improvements on the main building, the beautifying of the campus itself, and the chapel, which looks so impressive and so ideally located, show the progress through the years. This progress has been steady. The things that abide do not have an abnormal growth.

Now as to the greater, the spiritual aspect, my first impression was good and it is even better today. Having observed the young folks as they go and then as they come, I have noticed the change for the better, and it gives great cause for rejoicing.

This progress is seen intellectually and spiritually. Also, I am impressed to see the absence of the artificial and the presence of the real as I observe the faculty and student body.

The spiritual atmosphere that has prevailed through the years has brought conviction to any who were not in right relationship with God. As a result, folks have been saved, the testimony of Christ has gone out, and today we see a living body of Christian people on Bryan Hill.

The missionary interest has greatly increased: many are dedicating their lives to God to carry the message of the Gospel at home and abroad, and others to be among the great company of helpers in the great work of spreading the Gospel. With the Psalmist (118:23) we say, "This is the Lord's doing, it is marvelous in our eyes." To Him be all glory.

May His continued blessing rest upon this school and may many be raised up who will support this institution that has such a fruitful, blessed ministry. The blessing of the Lord maketh rich and addeth no sorrow with it."

—Norman Hirschy, Pastor, Evans City, Pa.

Rev. Ralph Toliver, the author of this poem spent more than seven years with his wife, Rebecca, in war-torn China and knows of the poverty and misery of China's Millions. The poem, with the accompanying sketches, was first published in *China's Millions*.

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"Hai-dzow, hai-dzow," I hear the trackers chant
While hands and feet all clutch the stones beside
The River Yangtze. Pulling the junk-load of salt
Against the strength of the stream in its seaward flight.
The yokes weigh hard on shoulders bare and wet
With sweat. The yoke by day will buy the load
Of pipe which each will light when nightfall comes
And then in darkness traffic life for smoke.

O Lord! for these I pray.

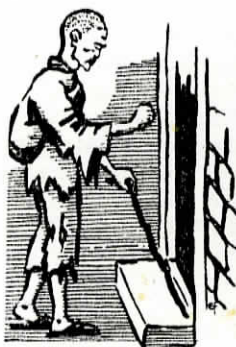


"Ai-ya, ai-ya," I hear a soldier moan
Under the lash of his lieutenant's belt
As he falters and falls beneath the load of boards
He has pulled a mile uphill to the officer's house.
His body thin and ill and racked with pain
Can hardly bear a beating such as this.
Yet the marks I see on his flesh are smaller far
Than scar of murder rankling in his heart.

O Lord! for him I pray.

"O-mi to-fu," I hear a peasant's prayer.
With feet all bound she staggers through the gate
And gives her thanks to Buddha for his grace
Which ends her steps before the incense shop.
She rests her shoulders from their load of wood
Intending barter with the merchant fat
For incense and paper-cash to exchange their soot
And ashes for peace of heart from her mud god.

O Lord! for her I pray.



"Tip-tap, tip-tap," I hear out in the lane
A blind boy feeling mole-like for my door . . .
He shakes the snow from cotton coat so frayed;
His lips are cracked, his hands are blue with cold.
I draw his chair up to the charcoal fire;
He speaks to me in the slow, low tones of the blind:
"How I praise God that the eyes of my heart can see;
And blest be Christ for the warmth He gives my soul!"

O Lord! for him I pray.

"Give the Book of God its place
in prayer. Prayer is not talking to
God simply; it is listening first, then
speaking.—S. D. Gordon.

MARTIN LUTHER:

"God's word of itself is pure,
clean, bright, and clear."

BRYAN BANQUET OFFERS INTERESTING PROGRAM

Under the planning of Miss Ann Wildern and her social committee, the annual William Jennings Bryan Banquet will offer another of those delightful times of fellowship and entertainment. The speaker, Pastor J. B. Thornton, of the Hope Congregational Church, St. Louis, has been on the Hill on numerous occasions and will be doubly welcome because of the blessings he has previously brought.

With Professor Paul Stock, head of the Department of Music, as Toastmaster, a pleasing program of musical numbers and readings will be given. Just prior to the message President Rudd will award certificates to those students who have been elected to the membership in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

CHAPEL DORMITORY IN USE

At last, construction on the new chapel and its included dormitory area has reached the point at which the men now crowded into the "bar-racks" can have a bit more comfort and privacy, for they have recently moved into the new rooms in the chapel. Here, two to a room, with all modern conveniences of fluorescent lighting, steam heat, and hot and cold water, they can forget the trying weeks of *too many in too little*. Rooms are twelve by twelve, with large windows and plenty of light.

It is hoped that the auditorium will be finished before the end of the school year.

The Ladies' Quartette which will travel through the central states this coming summer. Left to right, top row: Vivian McBride, Della Huck, accompanist, June Bell; lower row: Catherine Marshall, Pauline Jewett.



The Newsette

CHAPEL BLESSINGS

Blessings through the ministry of the chapel have been many and lasting, as well-known Bible teachers, missionaries, and preachers have brought messages from the Word. Those speaking from the platform during the past month have included Rev. Norman Grubb, World-wide Evangelization Crusade; Rev. Ernest Finkenbiner, Christian Missions, Inc.; Rev. Norman Hirschy, Pastor, Evans City, Pa.; Rev. J. Fred Johnson, Pastor, Chattanooga, Tenn., and Rev. T. P. Osborne, Pastor, Graysville, Tenn.

C. S. A. HAS EFFECTIVE MINISTRY

It is cause for genuine thanksgiving that the founders of the University had a vision of Christian service as they sought to train youth for leadership. In addition to the work of the classroom, avenues are open to the students for individual testimony, personal work, and preaching. Students go out two by two or in groups to conduct jail services, street meetings, or house-to-house visitation work. No community anywhere else offers a better clinic for observation and experience in rural and mountain work than does that of Dayton. Doors of local county schools are held wide open to us, and each week well organized groups under capable leadership hold a half-hour gospel service in various schools.

The challenge for child evangelization is not overlooked, and many students have organized children's classes in homes, or in the open, as the weather permits.

Thus, theory and practice are brought together, making a balanced curriculum emphasizing the practical side of Christian education.

A survey of our records for the current college year indicates a total attendance of 33,524 at our varied meetings, resulting in 257 professions of belief in Christ. In the neighborhood of 4,000 tracts have been distributed to be used of the Holy Spirit in the lives of readers.

MONEY TALKS!

"Money has to represent us where we are unable or unwilling to go, and it should speak just as loudly in its service as our own personal activities."—Clarence H. Benson.

The Male Quartet, left to right: Donald Thornton, Robert Davis, William Breckbill, and Robert Smith. The quartet will travel in the Eastern states, Ohio, and West Virginia.



GAMMA CHI

The newest organization on the Bryan campus is the Science Club, officially called *Gamma Chi*. In spite of its youth, *Gamma Chi* is a very vigorous club. Its purpose is to promote interest in the various fields of science among Christian students, an object being achieved through the presentation by students and faculty members of informative papers, the bringing to Bryan of scientific motion pictures, and the taking of field trips.

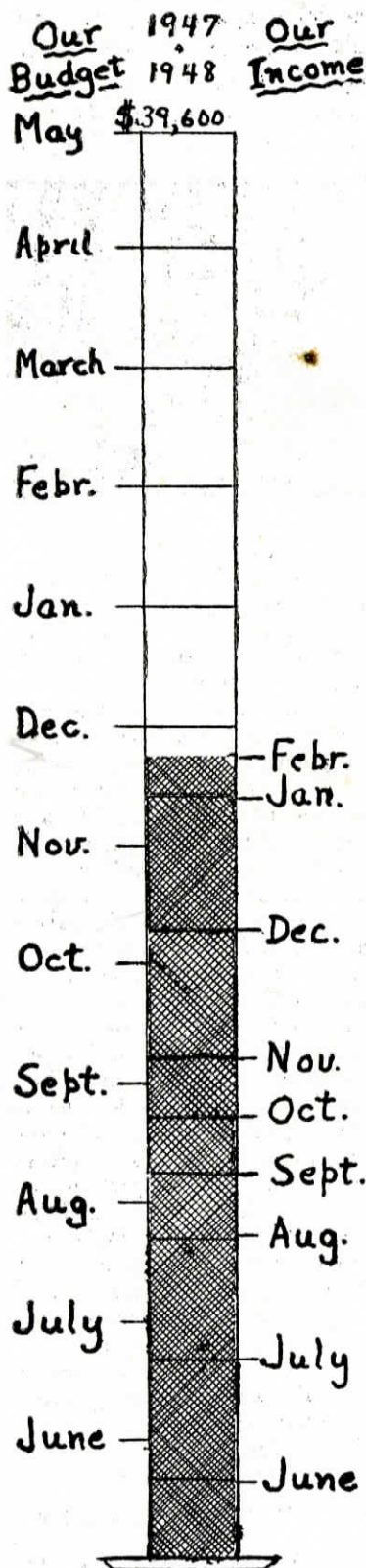
Thus far very worthwhile papers dealing with such subjects as practical missionary flying, alternating current, and nuclear physics have been read. One, entitled "Micro-biology," was illustrated with original color slides. A film about copper and its alloys was also shown to the student body.

More recently a group went on a field trip to Watts Bar Dam, visiting both the steam plant, which is the second largest in the world, and the hydro-electric plant. Dr. McMurry, formerly of the Bryan faculty, and now connected with the steam plant, was the guide. The trip proved fascinating and informative to all.

Many other activities are being planned, all with one purpose of using science to the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.—T. P.

PRESUMPTION OR FAITH?

Presumption boasts: "If the sea be before you, march into it and expect a miracle," but faith says: "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." As an immovable rock faith stands still until God says, "Go forward," and then all the powers of Satan cannot prevent its advance.—Source unknown.



February Operating Gifts.....\$1,139.55
 Monthly Budget..... 3,300.00
 Total Gifts (9 months).....21,899.21
 Budget deficit to date..... 7,800.79

GIFTS TO CHAPEL

	February	To Date
Staff		\$ 549.00
Students\$ 30.12		1,418.04
Alumni 25.00		776.16
Friends 48.00		3,891.25
	\$103.12	\$ 6,634.45
Deficit (from other funds)		10,452.22

Cost (through Feb., '48) \$17,086.67

CONSOLIDATED GIFT REPORT

February, 1948

Operating Gifts.....	\$1,139.55
Building Fund Gifts.....	65.00
Chapel Fund Gifts.....	103.12

Grand Total.....\$1,307.67
 Total previous month..... 4,788.86

BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT FUND REPORT

Balance (February 1st).....	\$5,307.01
Building Fund Receipts	
No. 132-137.....	65.00
5% of Operating Gifts.....	56.98
	\$5,428.99
Less Expenditures.....	226.97
Balance (March 1st).....	\$5,202.02

SCIENTIFIC BELIEVERS

In 1865 six hundred and seventeen men of Science met in England and publicly declared their confidence in the Bible as compared with Science. Some of these were Scientists of the highest eminence, such as Sir David Brewster and Professor Sedwick, and most of them were Fellows of Scientific Societies. Here is an extract from their declaration, the original of which is preserved in the Bodleian Library in Oxford:

We conceive that it is impossible for the Word of God, as written in the book of Nature, and God's Word as written in Scripture, to contradict one another, however much they may appear to differ . . . and we confidently believe a time will come when the two records will be seen to agree in every particular.

—From "The Good Fight of Faith"
 by R. K. Frost, B.Sc., England.

Christ Above All

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gon, new home for the boys. Moving in before it was completed promises to be an interesting and not-to-be-forgotten experience.

1934—A major goal attained—Bryan's first graduating class, with seven degrees being conferred by the newly-elected president, Judson A. Rudd.

1935—A student petition and in the building fund \$204.47. We leave the old high school building and move, in faith, believing, to our own campus for classes.

1938—Cedar Hill sold, so hurried construction of a part of the first floor on the administration building begins. The ladies take over the Octagon; the boys rough it in the new rooms, without windows, with nothing but the fellowship to keep them warm. My, how those winter breezes race through the dormitory!

1939—Dr. Charles H. Currens, Professor of Bible and preacher by Grace, goes home to be with the Lord. Dr. Harris H. Gregg takes over in the Bible Department.

1942—War! And the fellows begin to don uniforms, taking with them a real testimony for their Lord.

1946—And the fellows begin to return. Vetsville, the trailer village, takes form, first with twelve trailers, now with thirty.

1947—Bryan's largest student body, with over two hundred young men and women seeking to prepare themselves for a life of service, either as Christian workers or as Christian laymen. Dormitories crowded, and rush work begins on the chapel.

1948—The new chapel in use, with its fourteen dormitory rooms on the ground floor and seating space in the auditorium for between three and four hundred.

1925-1948: Years filled with trials and testings, the preaching of the Gospel and the saving of souls, the sending forth of missionaries and preachers and laymen—years filled with the goodness of an all-faithful, all-Loving God, indeed a "God Above all."

"Man talks of the survival of the fittest, but the glory of the Gospel is that it transforms the unfit."

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